

packets, or either or both information packets may use perforated sheets for attachment to the greeting card and for easy removal of either or both information packets. Preferably, the caregiver's information packet is removed from the greeting card by the card giver before the greeting card is given to the greeting card recipient. Preferably, the text and/or graphics imprinted on the greeting card, and/or on the caregiver's information packet, refers to the health-related issue that the specific greeting card is associated with, which would also allow this reference to be used as a means to classify, display, and stock the cards.

[0008] A major feature of the present invention is a greeting card having a combination of useful components. One component is the card, with its associated text and graphics and the recipient-based health-related information, which may be permanently attached to the card or, in one of the preferred embodiments, is detachable from the main card body. Another component, which is removable from the main card body, is the health-related information for the caregiver. Still another feature is the step of vending the card from the same sources that other greeting cards are vended, including pharmacies. As an example, the greeting cards of the present invention can be displayed in the general location of the pharmacy, or drugstore, that medications for the person being cared for are being picked-up.

[0009] An advantage of the present invention is that it allows for the dissemination of important health and/or healthcare information to individuals that may be in the role of caregiver to their friends, relatives, or other loved ones. The information provided to the caregiver can range from general healthcare guidance for the medical condition, or health issue of concern, to more specific information, which may include information regarding the recipient's emotional health, and/or the mental and emotional health of the caregiver, which may be stressed due to the responsibility of caring for a friend, relative, or loved one that is no longer able to care for themselves.

[0010] Another advantage of the present invention is that it provides the recipient with the recipient's own health-condition related information, which may make it less difficult for the recipient to maintain a better state of health for an even longer period of time under the circumstances.

[0011] Still another advantage of the present invention is that the giver of the card might be better able to emotionally handle information about the card recipient's medical condition, while the recipient would still be able to receive pertinent health and/or healthcare-related information in the same greeting card. Another related advantage is that individuals, other than direct caregivers, may be motivated to be more informed about their relative's or friend's health-related issues. This knowledge would allow these individuals to be of more assistance, or more helpful, to their friends or relatives, or, perhaps more importantly, to be more aware of what is involved in the situation, and what everyone is coping with.

[0012] These and other features and their advantages will be apparent to those skilled in the art from a careful reading of the Detailed Description of a Preferred Embodiment presented below and accompanied by the Drawings.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0013] In the figures,

[0014] **FIG. 1** is a perspective, partially exploded, view of a greeting card, which shows the card giver's, e.g., caregiver's, information packet being removed from the main card body, and the card recipient's information packet still contained in a main card body pocket, according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention;

[0015] **FIG. 2** is a perspective view of a greeting card, which shows the card giver's, e.g., caregiver's, information packet being attached to the main card body by perforations, according to another preferred embodiment of the present invention;

[0016] **FIG. 3** is a perspective, partially exploded, view of a greeting card, which shows the card giver's, e.g., caregiver's, and the card recipient's information packets being removed from pockets on the main card body, according to another preferred embodiment of the present invention;

[0017] **FIG. 4** is a perspective view of a greeting card, which shows the card giver's, e.g., caregiver's, information packet being attached to the main card body by a removable adhesive, according to another preferred embodiment of the present invention; and

[0018] **FIG. 5** is a perspective view of a greeting card, which shows the card giver's, e.g., caregiver's, information packet being attached to the main card body by perforations, according to another preferred embodiment of the present invention

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF A PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

[0019] The term "caregiver" when used in the following paragraphs refers to the person that is providing home healthcare to a person that is recovering from a serious illness or other medical condition, or to a person that is chronically ill or is terminal; generally, the caregiver is also the giver of the present invention card, and hereinafter the terms "caregiver" and "card giver" should be considered as being interchangeable.

[0020] The term "card recipient" when used in the following paragraphs refers to the person being cared for by the caregiver and to the person who receives the present invention card.

[0021] The terms "health-related" and "healthcare-related" when used in the following paragraphs should be considered as being interchangeable.

[0022] The terms "greeting card" and "card" when used in the following paragraphs should be considered as being interchangeable.

[0023] The term "information packet" when used in the following paragraphs refers to any of the following, as determined by the present invention context in which it is used: the health-related information imprinted on, or attached to, the main body of a greeting card; the detachable or removable single-page or multi-page collection of health-related information carried by a greeting card; or the single detachable portion of a greeting card, which can be either folded over the main body of a closed greeting card or folded